

Virginia DEQ - Water Division - Permit Matrix

Type of Permit	Authority	Permit Fees	Use of Permit	Estimated Permit Review Timeline (Assuming Complete Application)	Permit Term
Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (Individual)	Federal Clean Water Act Virginia Code §§ 62.1-44.15 through 44.30 Virginia Administrative Code (VPDES Permit Program Regulation) 9VAC25-31	\$5,000-\$24,000 (issuance), \$1,000-\$12,000 (modify), \$1,000 (land application modification)	Point source discharges to surface waters	120 days	5 yr maximum
Surface water Withdrawal Permit	Federal Clean Water Act Virginia Code §§ 62.1-44.15 and 62.1-44.15:20 Virginia Administrative Code (VWP) Permit Program Regulation, 9VAC25-210	\$12,000 (issuance), \$6,000 (modification)	Projects involving surface water withdrawals from state waters and related permanent structures and fill	120 days	15 yrs
Groundwater Withdrawal Permit	Virginia Code § 62.1-254 et seq. Virginia Administrative Code 9 VAC25-610-10 et seq. Virginia Administrative Code 9VAC25-620-10 et seq. Virginia Administrative Code 9VAC 25-600-20 et seq.	New Permits - \$6,000 (issuance), \$3,000 (modification) Historic Non Ag - \$1,200 (issuance), \$600 (modification) Agricultural – no permit fee	Any person or entity wishing to withdraw 300,000 or more gallons of ground water per month in a Virginia Ground Water Management Area	150 days	10 yrs

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Virginia Pollution Abatement Permit (Individual)	Virginia Administrative Code 9VAC25-32-10 et seq.	\$750-\$15,000 (issuance), \$375-\$7,500 (modification)	Whenever an owner handles waste and wastewater in a manner that does not involve discharging to a sewage treatment work, or to state waters pursuant to a valid Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permit	14 - 45 days	Up to 10 yrs
Virginia Pollution Abatement Permit (General)	Virginia Administrative Code 9VAC25-32-10 et seq.	\$750-\$15,000 (issuance), \$375-\$7,500 (modification)	Any person who proposes to manage pollutants without resulting in a point source discharge to surface waters.	14 - 45 days	Up to 10 yrs
Virginia Water Protection Permit (Individual)	Federal Clean Water Act Virginia Code §§ 62.1-44.15 and 62.1-44.15:20 Virginia Administrative Code (VWP) Permit Program Regulation, 9VAC25-210	\$2,400-\$35,000 (issuance/reissuance), \$1,200-\$12,500 (modification)	A permit must be obtained before disturbing a wetland or stream by clearing, filling, excavating, draining, or ditching.	120 days	15 yrs
Virginia Water Protection Permit (General)	Federal Clean Water Act Virginia Code §§ 62.1-44.15 and 62.1-44.15:20 Virginia Administrative Code (VWP) Permit Program Regulation, 9VAC25-210	\$0-\$2,400 (issuance)	A permit must be obtained before disturbing a wetland or stream by clearing, filling, excavating, draining, or ditching.	45 days	Up to 3 yrs